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1. FDGB members in Berlin total about 460,000, of whom no more than half are much concerned about the FDGB. Some 45,000 members have paid no dues for months. The FDGB has 6,000,000 RM in the bank and publishes a weekly, Die Freie Gewerkschaft. Two-thirds of the profits of this paper were transferred to the FDGB of the Russian zone by a resolution of the FDGB Executive Committee before the Berlin elections.
2. The term of the Executive Committee members expires 31 January 1947. The SPD is intensifying its efforts to gain control of the Executive Committee in the next election. It has prepared a card index system of Social Democratic FDGB members arranged according to their place of work and is organizing the members on this basis. In the western sectors, meetings are being held in the factories. In the Russian Sector the SPD is unable to do this, but some factory groups from that sector are holding meetings in the French Sector. The SPD and CDU are both campaigning for the proportional representation system in the FDGB elections. SPD leaders feel their battle in Berlin is only half won if they fail to wrest control of the FDGB from the SED.

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